(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) Rs. 5,537 per annum for three years from 1098.

(*d*) & (*e*) Except in rare instances, public works are executed by contract, and materials are not purchased by Government. The information required is thus not available and cannot be collected without much labour. Prices differ in different places. The price of burnt shells now varies from 5½ to 7 fanams per Madras *para* equivalent to five standard *paras*.

Lease of lime-shells.

123. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the annual income expected by Government from the lease of lime-shells, in our lakes, recently sold in public auction?

(*b*) What quantity of lime is annually purchased for Government use by the Public Works and Maramat Departments?

(*c*) What was the price of lime-shells before the auction sale referred to above? What is its present price?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The member is referred to the answer to part 2 (*c*) of Question No. 122.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to part 2 (*d*) of question No. 122.

(*c*) Price of burnt shells.

Before the auction sale.	5 to 6⅓ fanams	per Madras *para*.
After sale.	5½ to 7 Do	

Publication of Legislative Council Proceedings.

124. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:

(1) the reasons which weighed with them in discontinuing the practice of publishing the proceedings of the Legislative Council in the Government Gazette;

(2) why they have given up publishing the translation of the same;

(3) whether they are not alive to the fact that such authorised translations published in the Gazette are a means of enriching the vernacular and tending to the political education of the people;

(4) whether Government will be pleased to furnish the Council with the following figures:

(*a*) the approximate amount of money required for printing and publishing the whole proceedings of the last session of the Council in the present manner; and

(*b*) the approximate amount required for publishing the same matter in the Gazette; and

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